Increase in militant activities in J&K

3932. SHRI AMAR SINGH:
SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been an increase in the militant activities in Jammu and Kashmir during the last two months;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the number of persons including civilian died as a result of the attacks by militants;

(c) whether the matter has been taken up with the Government of Pakistan; and

(d) if so, the result thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) and (b) No, Sir. The Comparative details are given below:—

Year	Total no. of terrorist related incidents	Civilians killed	Security Forces killed
2007 (Feb.-Mar.)	137	26	19
2008 (Feb.-Mar.)	98	18	9

(c) and (d) Government has been consistently taking up the issues of cross-border terrorism with Pakistan in bilateral meeting including at the highest level, the Foreign Secretary talks and Home Secretary level talks in the Composite Dialogue and the Joint Anti-terrorist. Mechanism meetings. Both side have agreed to share new information on terrorist incidents, and continue to work to identify measures, exchange specific information and assist in investigations.

Terrorists arrested and their cross-border links

3933. SHRI THENNALA G. BALAKRISHNA PILLAI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of terrorists and members of banned organizations arrested during the last two years, State-wise;

(b) whether Government has traced their cross-border links; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (c) As per available information, the number of terrorists/extremists/naxals/members of banned organisations, arrested in the State of Jammu & Kashmir, North Eastern States and naxal affected states, during the year 2006 and 2007 are as under:

State/Region	2006	2007
Jammu & Kashmir	429	400
North Eastern States	1406	1837
Naxal affected States	1270	1448

Besides, as per available information, during this period, more than 250 terrorists/members of banned organisations are reported to have been arrested in the hinterland.

Investigations have revealed that a number of arrested persons have external linkages.

Rejection of Orissa Government's Request from NCCF

3934. SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has rejected the demand of Orissa Government for grant of Rs. 306 crores from the National Calamity Contingency Fund for restoration work in the last flood-affected districts of the State;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether a Central Team which has visited the State to assess the loss caused by last floods, in their report had admitted that the State had suffered a huge loss due to floods; and

(d) if so, what are the salient observations of the Central Team in the matter and how far have their recommendations been implemented by the Centre to provide relief to the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI V. RADHIKA SELVI): (a) to (d) The State Government of Orissa has submitted a memorandum seeking additional assistance of Rs. 306.70 crore from National Calamity Contingency Fund (NCCF) for relief operations in the areas affected by floods during July, 2007. The Inter Ministerial Central Team visited the State and observed that situation caused by floods is of a severe nature. The request of the State has been considered as per laid down procedure. The High Level Committee (HLC) after taking into consideration the memorandum of the State Government, report of the Central Team, recommendations of the Inter-Ministerial Group thereon and the items and norms for expenditure from Calamity Relief Fund (CRF)/ National Calamity Contingency Fund (NCCF), approved the following assistance:—

(i) Release of Rs. 59.33 crore from NCCF subject to the adjustment of 75% of balance available in the CRF account for the instant calamity.

(ii) Release of Rs. 0.719 crore from Special Component of Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP)

(iii) Payment of Air bills an actual basis.

The State Governments are primarily responsible for undertaking relief and rehabilitation measures in the areas affected by natural calamities. The distribution of relief on ground is the responsibility of concerned State. The Government of India supplements the efforts of the State Governments by providing financial and logistic support. Financial assistance in the wake of natural calamities is provided to the States from the Scheme of Calamity Relief Fund (CRF), which is supplemented by the National Calamity Contingency Fund (NCCF) in the wake of a calamity of a severe nature, after following the laid down procedure.

The State of Orissa has been allocated an amount of Rs. 319.37 crore in Calamity Relief Fund (CRF) for the year 2007-08 consisting of Rs. 239.53 crore as Central contribution and Rs. 79.84 crore as State contribution. Both the instalments of Central share of CRF, totaling to Rs. 239.53 crore, has been released to the State.